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SUBJECT: IREX PROGRAM

1. BENJAMIN PAGE WAS INFORMED OF EMBASSY'S CONCURRENCE IN ADVICE GIVEN HIM PREVIOUSLY. HE INFORMED THE DEPT THAT HE BELIEVES THE BOY'S PHYSICAL CONDITION (HE HAS AN APPARENTLY MEDICALLY UNTREATABLE STOMACH PROBLEM, AND IS ON A SPECIAL PANCREATIC DIET) WOULD LEAD THE CZECHS TO FIND HIM UNFIT FOR MILITARY SERVICE. THE BOY HAS ALSO BEEN HELD BACK IN SCHOOL BECAUSE OF MEDICAL DIFFICULTIES, SO THAT HE HAS THREE MORE YEARS OF THE EQUIVALENT OF AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL. PAGE WONDERS WHETHER THE DELAY IN HIS EDUCATION MIGHT NOT ALSO MITIGATE AGAINST HIS BEING DRAFTED. IN ANY CASE, PAGE WOULD REGISTER THE BOY FOR MILITARY SERVICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CZECH LAW.

2. PAGE ALSO NOTES THAT IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT THE BOY HAS NOT BEEN LEGALLY ADOPTED, ALL HIS AMERICAN DOCUMENTATION SHOWS HIS NAME TO BE PAGE, AND THERE IS STILL THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE BOY'S CZECH DOCUMENTATION WILL BE MADE OUT IN

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THE NAME OF PAGE. HE ASKS THAT THESE POINTS, AS WELL AS

THE FACT THAT HE HAS DOCUMENTS FROM NATURAL FATHER GIVING HIM PERMISSION TO ADOPT, BE BROUGHT TO MFA'S ATTENTION WHEN EMBASSY RAISES CASE.

WOULD NOT LEAVE THE BOY IN THE US. THE DEPT ADVISED PAGE TO PLAN FOR THE EVENTUALITY THAT THE MFA WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE ANY FIRM GUARANTEES ON THE BOY'S STATUS. MAW

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